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SUBJECT: UNFPA: OCTOBER 28 DONORS MEETING

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1. AS FOLLOW UP TO OCTOBER 1 MEETING (REPORTED REFTEL) NINE MAJOR DONORS MET OCT 28 AS PROPOSED BY UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALAS. BOTH MEETINGS CONCERNED UNFPA PROPOSALS TO PROGRAM FOR 1975 AT LEVELS OF \$80,\$100 AND \$120 MILLION AS COMPARED TO \$68 MILLION APPROVED BY UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JUNE 1974. DISCUSSION REVOLVED PRINCIPALLY AROUND \$80 MILLION LEVEL, BUT WITH NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE FROM JUNE, 1974 PROJECTIONS WHICH ESTIMATED \$64 MILLION IN NEW PLEDGES IN 1975.

2. NINE MAJOR DONORS AGREED THAT UNFPA NEEDED TO PROVIDE FULLER AND CLEARER PICTURE OF COMMITMENTS. CONSEQUENTLY UNFPA AGREED PREPARE A BREAKDOWN THROUGH 1977 AND SEND TO THE NINE MAJOR DONORS BY END OF NOVEMBER FOR THEIR COMMENTS WITHIN THREE WEEKS. THAT PAPER WILL ALSO BE A BASIS OF DISCUSSION WITH BOTH DONOR AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AT MEETINGS UNFPA TRADITIONALLY HOLDS JUST PRIOR TO EACH SESSION OF

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UNDP/UNFPA GOVERNING COUNCIL.

3. SALAS ANNOUNCED INDICATIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS ON PLEDGES FOR 1975 TOTALING \$63.6 MILLION, NOT INCLUDING EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS. THEY WERE FOR 1975 (1974 GIVEN IN PARENTHESIS) IN MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS: CANADA 3.6 (2.6); NORWAY 4.0 (3.1); DENMARK 2.0 (1.7); FRG 5.0 (4.2); JAPAN 4.0 (3.4); NETHERLANDS 6.0 (5.5); UK 2.5 (2.1) AND SWEDEN 5.5 (4.5) SALAS SAID SWEDEN WAS NOT FIRM YET NOR WAS U.S.M WHERE HE HOPED TO RECEIVE \$25 MILLION OVER 1974'S \$20 MILLION. BOTH NORWAY AND NETHERLANDS INDICATED THEY MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONALLY \$1 MILLION EACH IN COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS WITH UNFPA. (THESE SUMS INCLUDED IN \$63.6 MILLION PROJECTION)

4. RE OIL-RICH COUNTRIES SALS SAID LATE SPRING WOULD BE THE EARLIEST THE MODALITIES WITH ARAB FUND COULD BE WORKED OUT. IN MEANTIME HE HOPES IRAN WILL DETERMINE AND COMMUNICATE THE EXACT AMOUNT OF THE "SUBSTANTIAL INCERASE" IT PROMISED FOR UNFPA BOTH IN BUCHAREST AND IN ITS SECOND COMMITTEE STATEMENT; SALAS REMINED OTHER DONORS IRAN HAD IN PAST GIVEN ONLY \$500,000 LOCAL CURRENCY.

5. THE RECONSTITUTING OF A PROGRAM CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WAS RAISED BY SALS. SALAS SAID HE WAS ONLY EXPLORING WITH DONORS THE VARIOUS FORMS CLOSER COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE AS WELL AS WITHIN UN COULD TAKE. HE HOPED IT COULD INVOLVE IBRD. SWEDEN AND CANADA EXPRESSED CONCERN LEST THIS BE FORMAL BODY AND BE INVOLVED AREAS RESERVED FOR UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND ECOSOC, BUT BOTH SAW MERIT IN HOLDING TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. UK, NETHERLANDS AND FRG SAID SALAS COULD CALL ANY TYPE AD HOC GROUP HE NEEDED, REMINDING SWEDEN OF ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1763. UK FELT SUCH CONSULTATIONS MIGHT BRING ABOUT COLLABORATION AMONG DONORS IN A COUNTRY OR REGION AND LEAD TO SHARING OF ASSISTANCE LOAD. HOWEVER, EVERYONE AGREED TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM USING TITLE PROGRAM CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

6. SALAS ANNOUNCED A DECEMBER 4 MEETING TO WHICH HE IS INVITING EXPERTS TO ADVISE THE UNFPA ON DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE SPRING 1975 REGARDING THE PROGRAMMATIC ASPECTS OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTION. SWEDEN FELT THAT WAS A BROAD SUBJECT THAT WENT WELL BEYOND THE TECHNICAL LEVEL WHICH SALAS WAS ENTITLED TO CALL ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE. U.S. SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS ALL GOVERNMENTS WOULD BENEFIT FROM HAVING SUCH INVITATIONS TO GOVERNMENT EXPERTS CHanneled CORRECTLY, I.E, THROUGH THEIR MISSIONS IN NEW YORK.

7. SHORT PAPER ON CRITERIA PREPARED BY UNFPA WAS DISCUSSED.

SEVERAL DONORS SAW UNFPA WITH LITTLE CHOICE EXEPT APPLY MORE
VIGOROUSLY THE CRITERIA CONTAINED IN EARLIER CRITERIA PAPER NOTED
BY GOVERNING COUNCIL IN JUNE, 1974. THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL
OPPOSITION TO SETTING INDICATING PLANNING FIGURES IN POPULATION
FIELD. WHILE CANADA AND SWEDEN PRESSED FOR FURTHER
REFINEMENT OF CRITERIA OR FORMAL DEVELOPMENT OF SYSTEM
OF PRIORITIES, SALAS SAND FRANKLY THESE MIGHT
OPEN AN UNMANAGEABLE POLITICAL SITUATION. HE RECEIVED
STRONG SUPPORT ON THIS FROM THE NETHERLANDS AND UK
WITH UK SAYING THE FINAL DECISION AND RESPONSIBILITY
WOULD "HAVE TO REST ON UNFPA'S SHOULDERS".
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